## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA WESTERN DIVISION

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RUTH ESPERANCE,

CIV 20-5055

Plaintiffs,

VS.

JUDGMENT AND ORDER TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE

THOMAS J. VILSACK, Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

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Defendant.

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This action came before the Court for trial by jury. The issues have been tried and the jury rendered its verdict of \$400,000.00 in favor of the Plaintiff Ruth Esperance and against the

Defendant Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

IT IS ORDERED that this case is administratively closed. The Court will retain

jurisdiction to consider any post-trial motions.

Dated this 26 day of September, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

Lawrence L. Piersol

United States District Judge

ATTEST:

MATTHEW W. THELEN, CLERK

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